



GREEN TEAMS IN ACTION!

Read about classroom "green deeds" all over King County!

- At **Black Diamond Elementary**, **Linda Reiter's** 5th grade Green Team has been very busy with reuse and recycle projects. This class is responsible for emptying all other classroom recycle bins each week. Students performed skits during lunch time to educate other classes about what should and should not go in the recycle bins. This class also made up recycling posters for the school and has done numerous arts projects with reused materials. Keep up the creative work, Black Diamond!



- Chris Renfru's** 4th grade class at **Renton Park** has also come up with a smart way to help both the environment and the community at the same time. They have been saving aluminum cans at school (and even bringing them in from home). They take their collection to the recycling center each week and donate the recycling money to the Renton Area Clothing Bank. In just a few months, they have already recycled over 50lbs of cans!



These 4th graders also worked on skits to help teach recycling smarts to the rest of their school. Way to go!

- At **Springbrook** in Kent, **Mrs. Butz's** 1st grade class really cut down on holiday waste. They made ornaments and wrapping paper out of reused materials such as newspaper comic strips and milk cartons. This Green Team also sends home a weekly newsletter with waste reduction tips for parents. Creative thinking, Springbrook!

- Ms. Hertz's** 4th grade class at **Crystal Springs** in Bothell is helping the planet in lots of ways! This Green Team recycles their lunch scraps in their new classroom worm bin. They are also careful to use both sides of their papers before recycling them and take plastic bottles (#'s 1 and 2, of course) from school to recycle at home. Keep it up, Crystal Springs Green Team!

STAY IN
TOUCH!

- At **St. Luke** in Shoreline, **Jeanine Benham's** class conducts a "Waste-Free-Wednesday" each week. Green Team students bring their lunches in reusable containers and "natural" packages (like apples!).



It's no surprise that their trash can fills up s-l-o-w-l-y-, since they are reducing their waste every week!

Your **Green Team Accomplishments** can be highlighted in the next **Green Gram** Newsletter. If you have a Green Team story or project to share, you can reach Sara by phone at (206) 583-0655 or send an email to saragr@triangleassociates.com and let her know what your class is doing.

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A SIMPLE CLASSROOM REUSE ACTIVITY

TEACH YOUR STUDENTS HOW TO MAKE THEIR OWN ENVELOPES!

MATERIALS NEEDED:

- old magazines, maps, calendars, posters, wrapping paper, or gift bags
- rulers with a metal or sharp edge
- scissors and glue sticks
- large paper clips

- 1) Create a "master" pattern by taking apart and tracing a regular envelope. Make dotted lines to indicate flap folds (or feel free to call Sara for a pre-made pattern 206 583-0655).
- 2) Trace the pattern onto an old picture, map, poster, calendar, etc.
- 3) Use a ruler to fold along the dotted lines on your envelope. Use the large paper clip to score the lines.
- 4) Use a glue stick to glue the folds into place. Either the top or the bottom section can be the envelope flap.
- 5) If the front is very dark in color, or busy looking, create a "mailing label" by using old lighter colored paper (tearing it instead of cutting gives it a unique look).

And...voila! Your students are ready to write pen-pal letters and thank-you cards in their very own envelope stationary. Reusing paper helps to reduce landfill waste and pollution associated with the manufacture of new paper. It also helps save more energy and resources- like trees!



UPCOMING EVENTS



February 23rd and March 2: Native Tree Planting and Plant Salvage. Help restore habitat by planting native trees at Chinook Bend in Carnation. Or help dig up native trees and shrubs for habitat restoration. For more information contact **Greg** at (206) 296-1923 or go to <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/>.



March 2: Hazards on the Homefront This free workshop is for 4th-12 grade teachers on Saturday, March 2 from 8:00 am to noon. The workshop will introduce fun ways to teach your students about household hazardous waste and how to protect their health and the environment. For registration information, call Karen Schrantz at: (206) 583-0655, or email kschrantz@triangleassociates.com.



May 21st-May 25th: The International Children's Conference on the Environment 2002. This four-day event will bring together 800 children, ages 10-12, from over 115 countries to learn, share, voice concerns and join a worldwide environmental network to promote positive action. The conference is hosted by Victoria, British Columbia, Canada, in cooperation with the United Nations Environment Program. Deadline for registration is FEBRUARY 15th! To register or get more information go to: www.icccanada2002.org/index.html. There are ways for your class to be involved even if you can't attend. Check it out!

